



About the Genre

Urban fiction, also known as *hood books*, *street lit*, *gangsta lit*, and *ghetto lit*, initially gained success by word of mouth promotion within the African American community and has since grown to mainstream success. Urban fiction is usually set on the harsh streets of American cities. Protagonists who are pimps, prostitutes, gangsters, drug dealers, and hustlers of both genders dominate the genre.

These books may contain violence, profanity, slang, and erotic scenes. Realism is central to the genre and the most successful writers are adept at capturing the essence of the streets. The genre originated with convicted felons who wanted to tell their stories of dangerous dealings with money, sex, and murder. Incarcerated inmates would pen these novels as cautionary tales of how they survived the inner city streets.

Library Locations

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850-606-2950

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3840 North Monroe Street
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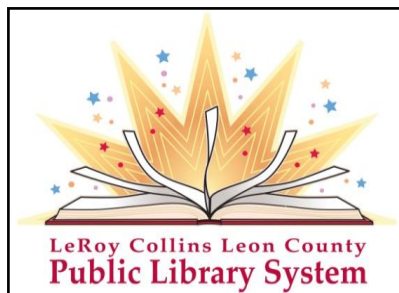
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16327 Blountstown Highway
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The Trophy Wife

Ashley

Aftermath: A Snapped Novel*

Tracy Brown



The Streets Keep Calling*

Chunichi

Payback Ain't Enough

Wahida Clark

Thugs and the Women

Who Love Them*

Wahida Clark

Heartbreaker

De'nesha Diamond

Damaged

Kia Dupree

Black Girl Lost

Donald Goines



“The cemetery is where a young hustla go to retire, and prison is where he goes to grow old.”

— Nikki Turner

Heartbreak of A Hustler's Wife*

Wifey: From Mistress to Wifey

Erica Hilton

Drama Queen*

La Jill Hunt



Dark: A Novel

Kenji Jasper

Truth or Dare?

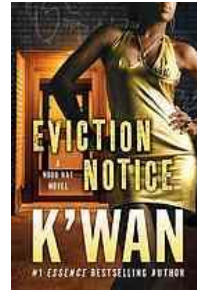
Dwayne Joseph

Eviction Notice*

K'wan

***Welfare Wifey:*
*A Hood Rat Novel***

K'wan



Real Wifey: Get Money*

Meesha Mink

***Shamless Hoodwives:*
*A Bentley Manor Tale***

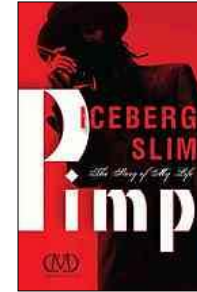
Meesha Mink

Natural Born Liar*

Noire

Obsessed

Devon Scott



Pimp

Iceberg Slim

The Coldest Winter Ever

Sistah Souljah

Dirty Red

Vickie Stringer

A Gangster and a Gentleman

Kiki Swinson

The Heist*

Kiki Swinson

***Power & Beauty: A Love*
*Story of Life on the Streets***
T.I.

Relapse*

Nikki Turner

***Dutch: The First*
*of a Trilogy***
Teri Woods



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